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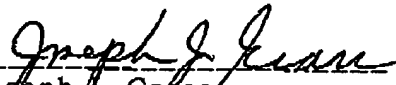
REMARKS

Most of the rejected claims rely on a Japanese language patent document to Gomi (JP01258970A). The Examiner provided only an abstract without providing a complete translation of the document. The undersigned has obtained certain information about the Gomi document but not a complete translation. That information about document is found in Attachment A to this Response. The undersigned does not represent that the information in Attachment A is accurate and/or complete. Accordingly, in that the Patent and Trademark Office is relying on the Gomi document it is requested that a translation be provided to the undersigned. Neither the drawings, nor the abstract, nor the information in Attachment A render the claims obvious and therefore reconsideration is requested. For example, in claim 1 a "web stripper" is recited. There is no web stripper taught or suggested in Gomi to perform the method of claim 1. Gomi simply fails to teach the combination of steps. The other claims rejected on Gomi are also not met.

Streckfus was applied against claims 26, 27 and 28. Streckfus does not teach or suggest a "stripper". A stripper in these claims recites structure. That structure was not contemplated by Streckfus.

Rejected claims 29 and allowed claim 30 have been presented as claim 31 to place the application in better condition for appeal.

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Attachment A

(1) The specification states that a plurality of narrow grooves 20 are formed on a surface of a platen 14 so that a bail roller 16 is readily adjustably pressed on a platen 14.

The problem to be resolved by the present invention is that a pressure roller 15 and the bail roller 16 are separated from the platen roller 14 when a paper 11 is continuously printed. If the pressure roller 15 and the bail roller 16 are not separated from the platen roller 16, the paper 11 would come out of a tractor 12 or the paper would be loosely held between the tractor 12 and the platen roller 16 in accordance with a difference between of transfer velocity of the former and that of the latter. The object of the present invention is to provide a printer which a platen roller can stably transfer a paper even if a bail roller is not separated from the platen roller.

(2) The specification does not state that the surface of the platen roll has a tacking resistance coating or that the platen roll is composed of a tack-resistant material so that a tacky adhesive such as a pressure sensitive adhesive does not readily adhere to the platen roll.

(3) We cannot find any mention of a linerless label web in the specification. Only a paper is mentioned in the specification.

(4) The narrow grooves 20 are made by performing cutting operation on a rubber.